

Obituary

Shri Subhash Chandra Mandge



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The Indian Dairy Association (IDA) is deeply grieved on the demise of Shri Subhash Chandra Mandge, Former Chairman, National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI), who passed away on February 16, 2024 after a short illness, at the age of 77 years, at Hyderabad. He was a Life Member and former CEC member of IDA nominated by IDA (WZ).

Born on November 12, 1946 at Sendhawa in Madhya Pradesh, Shri Mandge studied Indian Dairy Diploma from E.R.S. NDRI, Kalyani, West Bengal and started his professional career as Veterinary Field Assistant in the Department of Animal Husbandry Govt. of MP and later worked with MP Dugdha Mahasangh, Bhopal (presently MP State Cooperative Dairy Federation) as a Project Officer, Dhar Jhabua Drought Prone Area Project.

As project officer he had outstanding achievements in formation of Dairy Cooperative Societies and registering the members from poor and landless tribal milk producers which had very positive impact on poverty reduction, employment generation and social integration. Till his retirement from MP State Coop. Dairy Federation, he worked in various positions as Manager (Field Operation) and General Manager in different milk Unions.

After retirement from the services of MP State Coop. Dairy Federation, he joined Sahakar Bharti and based on his achievements in Cooperative Movement, he was nominated as the President of MP State Sahakar Bharti Unit. He had worked for strengthening the cooperative movement specially in Dairy, Honey, Banking and Small scale businesses at village level by giving a message "There is no salvation without cooperation and there is no cooperation without values"! He had successfully organized the "International Cooperative Conference" in Bhopal in 2012, being the International year of cooperatives. He also worked as National General Secretary and Vice President in Sahakar Bharati.

Shri Mandge has left his footprints while working as Chairman, MP State Cooperative Dairy Federation, Bhopal for a period of three years.

Being a prominent leader from cooperative dairy sector and for his valuable contributions in Sahakar Bharti, he was elected as Chairman of National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India, Anand, for the term 2014 to 2017. During his tenure in NCDFI, he visited almost all the northern states with a message to pay more attention to animal husbandry activity for the upliftment of dairy farmers for their socio-economic development. He introduced e-marketing platform for dairy trade among organized dairy manufacturers through NCDFI. Further, he volunteered as a mentor and helped start-ups in the dairy sector.

Shri Mandge was highly experienced and knowledgeable professional in the dairy industry. He devoted his career to improving the practices within this crucial sector and was associated with it for over 50 years. He significantly contributed to various aspects of the industry, including milk production, processing, automation, and management. His hard work and proficiency earned him the title of 'Milkman of Madhya Pradesh.' He worked hard to enhance the efficiency of dairy plants, promote use of cattle feed and ensure the delivery of high-quality and variety dairy products to consumers nationwide. Shri Mandge demonstrated a deep commitment to innovation and excellence, always seeking new ways to enhance productivity while maintaining the highest standards of ethical and sustainable practices. His dedication to the well-being of both farmers and consumers is a shining example in the dairy industry.

Shri Mandge is survived by his wife Mrs. Pushpa Mandge, two sons and a daughter. The Association pays rich tributes to Late Shri Mandge, who had rendered his services to IDA (West Zone) as Vice Chairman in the past. May the God grant his soul eternal peace!